

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2 - 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 18 – 20, 22, 23, 27 and 29 will be pending.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's continued attention and consideration.

Claims 18 – 20 and 22 – 23 are allowed.

Claims 27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 27 has been amended to recite: "*A vehicle audio system, comprising: ... a radio face plate in communication with said radio controller, **said face plate providing a human readable/operable interface with said radio controller**, ...*". Claim 29 has been amended to recite: "*An audio system for installation in a vehicle, ... wherein said means for identifying said vehicle model comprises a radio face plate in communication with said radio controller, **said face plate providing a human readable/operable interface with said audio system**.*".

The forgoing amended language is believed to provide the "operator use or manual manipulation to enable the radio plate's performance" suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 13 is rejected based upon its dependence upon independent claim 27.

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Thus amended, independent claims 27 and 29, as well as dependent claim 13 are clearly distinguishable from Flick, Basel and Milne et al., both alone and in combination.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 – 4, 6, 7, 9 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 193(a) as being unpatentable over Milne et al. and Basel and further in view of Flick.

Claims 1 and 28 have been canceled. Claims 2 – 4, 6, 7 and 9 now depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claim 27, which is believed to be in allowable form.

Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 11, 14 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Milne et al. and Basel.

Claims 14 and 26 have been canceled. Claim 11 has been amended to depend from independent claim 27, rendering it in allowable form for the reasons set forth hereinabove.

Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

Applicant believes, in view of the amendments and remarks herein, that all grounds of rejection of the claims have been addressed and overcome, and that all claims are in condition for allowance.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

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